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Subject: Chemical Plant Explosion at Williams Olefins Plant, Geismar, LA (HEALTH)
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Rick,

News media coverage link below:

http://www.nola.com/traffic/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2013/06/explosion_at_williams_olefins.html

ATSDR Regional 6 Status:

ATSDR R6 has not been notified for support from citizens, EPA, LDEQ or LDHH at this time.

It is not known at this time if community/residential citizens were exposed to chemicals.

LDEQ is testing the air now and not reporting levels of concern.

We do not yet know what chemicals were released in the explosion.

LDHH is requesting MSDS from chemical plant and will be provide in-house to LDHH staff.

ATSDR R6 reported in at the EPA Emergency Operation Center in Dallas. OSC John Martin is responding with START and LDEQ Representative . OSC Martin – 214-789-1994

ATSDR R6 received a call from the Louisiana Poison Control Center, Dr. Mark Ryan. Dr. Ryan reported local hospitals have received about 70 patients so far. Most of the cases non-critical. Poison Center reported key individual for LDHH will Dr. Raoult Ratard, MD – State Epidemiologist (504-458-5428)

Poison Center will be providing data on exposure cases and hospital consultation to LDHH. PCC # for public use: 1-800-222-1222.

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